

What is claimed is:

1. A browsing system comprising a client and a server,  
the server providing to the client an operation screen  
including an operation component for operating the server as  
5 content to be browsed, and

the client comprising browsing means for browsing the  
content, a display screen for displaying the operation screen  
as the content to be browsed, and operation means for receiving  
an instruction used for operating the server via the operation  
10 screen, wherein

the server provides to the client the operation screen  
comprising only an image including the operation component as  
the content to be browsed.

2. The browsing system according to Claim 1, wherein the  
15 client further comprises storage means for storing image data  
and control means for carrying out procedures for display of  
the image data on the display screen and for selection from the  
image data.

3. The browsing system according to Claim 2, wherein the  
20 control means is activated for carrying out the procedure of  
selection from the image data when the operation means receives  
an instruction to start selection from the image data via an  
operation screen therefor.

4. The browsing system according to Claim 1, wherein the  
25 operation screen has an image size suitable for display on a

virtual screen of a predetermine size and has layout of the operation component defined by absolute coordinates in the image size and the client displays the operation screen on the display screen by reducing or enlarging the operation screen  
5 according to a size of the display screen.

5. The browsing system according to Claim 4, wherein the operation screen comprises image data of JPEG format and the operation component is laid out in the operation screen by causing a boundary of the operation component in the operation  
10 screen to be located at a position corresponding to a multiple of the number of pixels in a compression block in the image data of the JPEG format.

6. The browsing system according to Claim 1, wherein the operation component comprises at least one of:  
15 a button for selecting an operation command included in the operation screen,  
characters comprising the operation command,  
a logo displayed in the operation screen, and  
a mark indicating an active area used in the case of a  
20 touch panel.

7. The browsing system according to Claim 1, wherein the operation means comprises at least one of:  
a key or a button for selecting an operation command in the operation screen, and  
25 a touch panel for selecting the operation command by

touching the operation screen.

8. The browsing system according to Claim 1, wherein the client is a digital camera and the server is a printer.

9. The browsing system according to Claim 1, wherein the 5 client and the server are connected to each other by wired connection.

10. The browsing system according to Claim 1, wherein the client and the server are connected wirelessly to each other.

10 11. A browsing system comprising a digital camera and a printer,

the printer providing to the digital camera an operation screen including an operation component for operating the printer as content to be browsed, and

15 the digital camera comprising browsing means for browsing the content, a display screen for displaying the operation screen as the content to be browsed, operation means for receiving an instruction used for operating the printer via the operation screen, imaging means for obtaining image data by 20 photography, storage means for storing the image data, and control means for carrying out procedures for display of the image data on the display screen and for selection from the image data, wherein

25 the control means is activated for carrying out the procedure for selection from the image data when the operation

means receives an instruction to start selection from the image data via an operation screen therefor.

12. An imaging apparatus comprising an imaging means for obtaining image data; and a compressing/decompressing means for 5 compressing and decompressing the image data, for use as a client in the browsing system defined in claim 1, wherein:

in the case that the operation screen is compressed image data of the operation screen, the compressing/decompressing means decompresses the compressed image data of the operation 10 screen.

13. An imaging apparatus comprising a compressing/decompressing means for compressing and decompressing image data obtained by photography, for use as a digital camera in the browsing system defined in claim 11, 15 wherein:

in the case that the operation screen is compressed image data of the operation screen, the compressing/decompressing means decompresses the compressed image data of the operation screen.